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# Mayor John Suthers

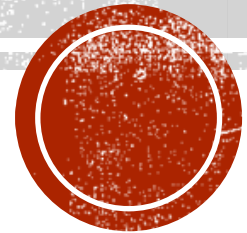
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Mayor John Suthers  
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# THANK YOU

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Broadmoor Resort

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An aerial photograph of the Broadmoor Resort. The central focus is a large, multi-story tan-colored building with a prominent central tower featuring a clock face and a small bell tower at the top. The building has numerous windows and balconies. To the left, another smaller building with a similar architectural style is visible. The resort is surrounded by lush green trees and manicured lawns. In the background, majestic mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock rise against a clear blue sky. A road and some smaller structures are visible in the lower foreground.

# **BROADMOOR RESORT**

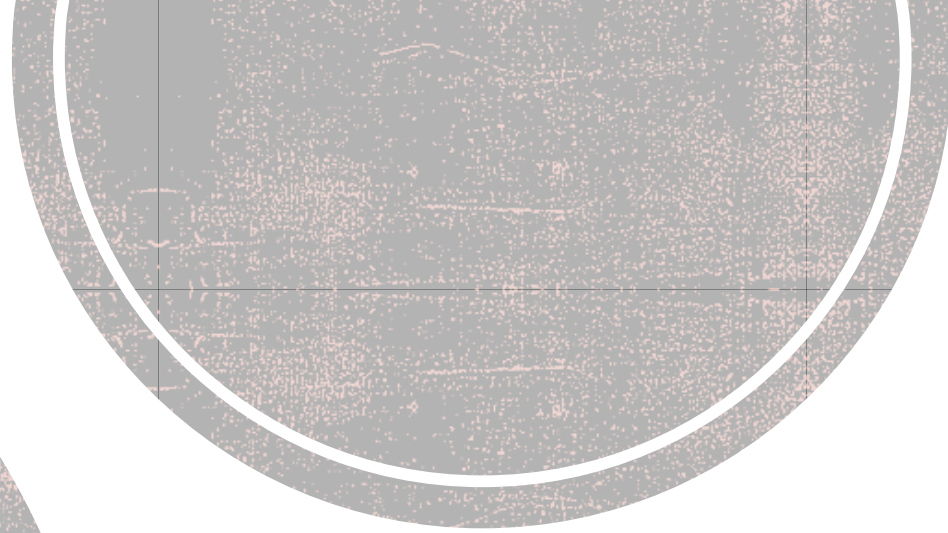


# SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- Colorado Springs celebrates 150 years.
- Multiple events, celebrations and exhibits mark the occasion.







**“A CITY OF  
RENOWN.”**





**“MOST DESIRABLE  
CITY IN AMERICA.”**

# 40<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST CITY IN AMERICA

- **480,000 City Population**
- **755,000 Metro Population**
- **79<sup>th</sup> largest MSA**
- **Numbers from 2020 Census**



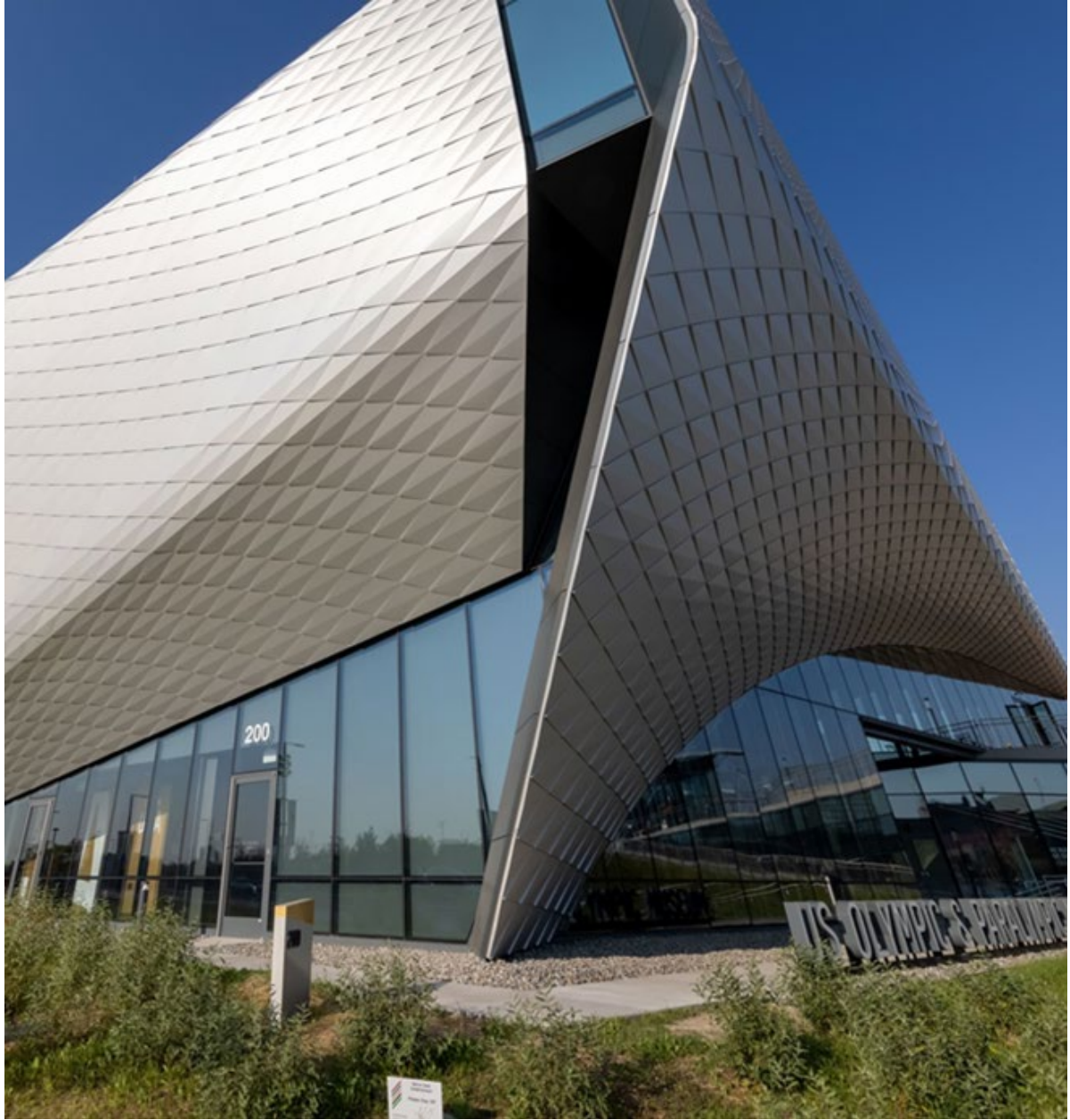
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**2020**















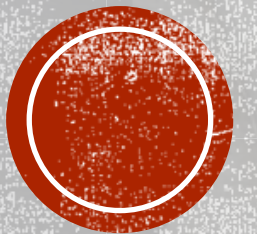
**VERDE DR. BEFORE / AFTER**







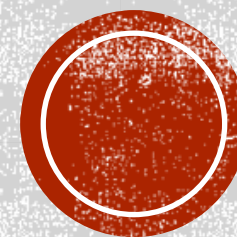
**NEVADA AVE BEFORE  
/ AFTER**







# U.S. 24 INTERCHANGE













**PROGRESS ON THE “GAP”**







**STORMWATER**







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## **STORMWATER TEAM LED BY RICH MULLEDY**

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## Local Labor Force/Employment

### Colorado Springs MSA Job Openings

August 2021

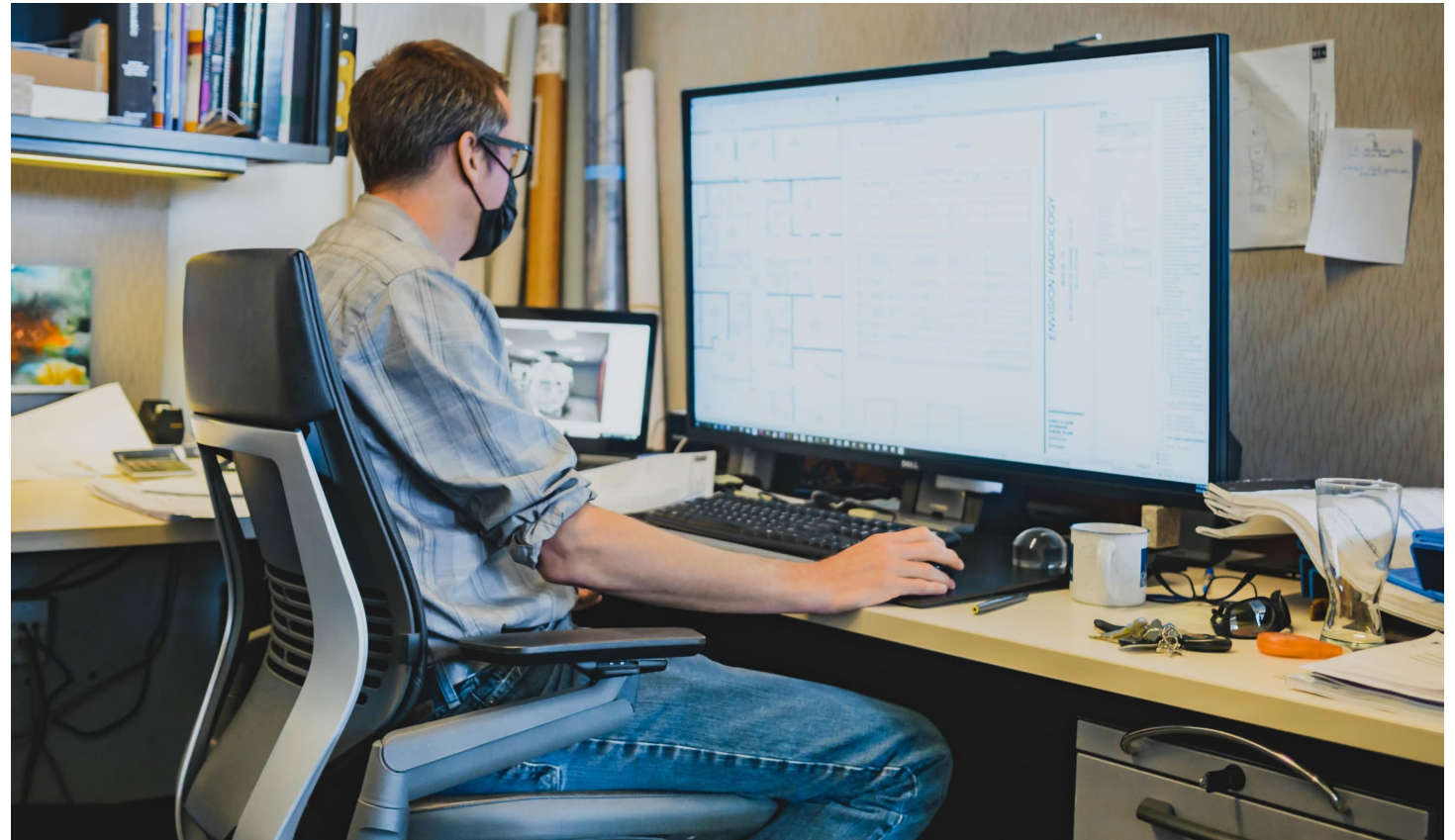
<u>Top Job Titles</u>	<u># of Job Postings</u>	<u>Market Salary</u>
Registered Nurses	1,121	\$59,794
Software Developers, Applications	759	\$97,616
Retail Salespersons	659	\$27,143
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Mfg	629	\$43,903
Computer Systems Engineers/Architects	535	\$96,769
Customer Service Reps	520	\$28,076
Managers	508	\$70,767
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	452	\$53,503
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	442	\$35,008
Maintenance & Repair Workers	432	\$32,421

**TOTAL Job Openings: 29,005**

**TOTAL Unemployed: 20,707**

**Workers Available per Job Opening: 0.71**

Source: Burning Glass Technologies: Labor Insights, 2021 via Pikes Peak Workforce Center and CO Dept. of Labor & Employment



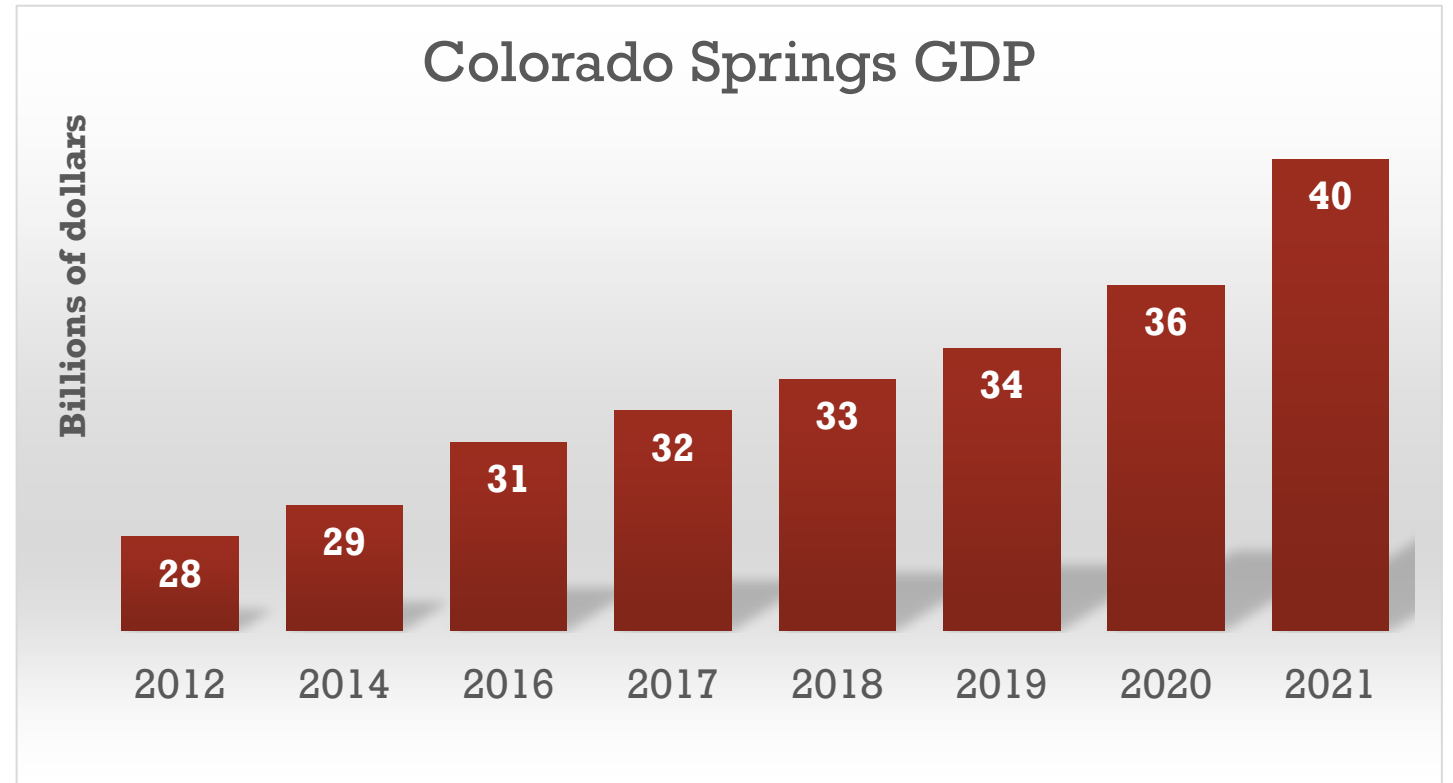
# HIGHLY SKILLED JOBS

\*Courtesy UCCS Economic Forum

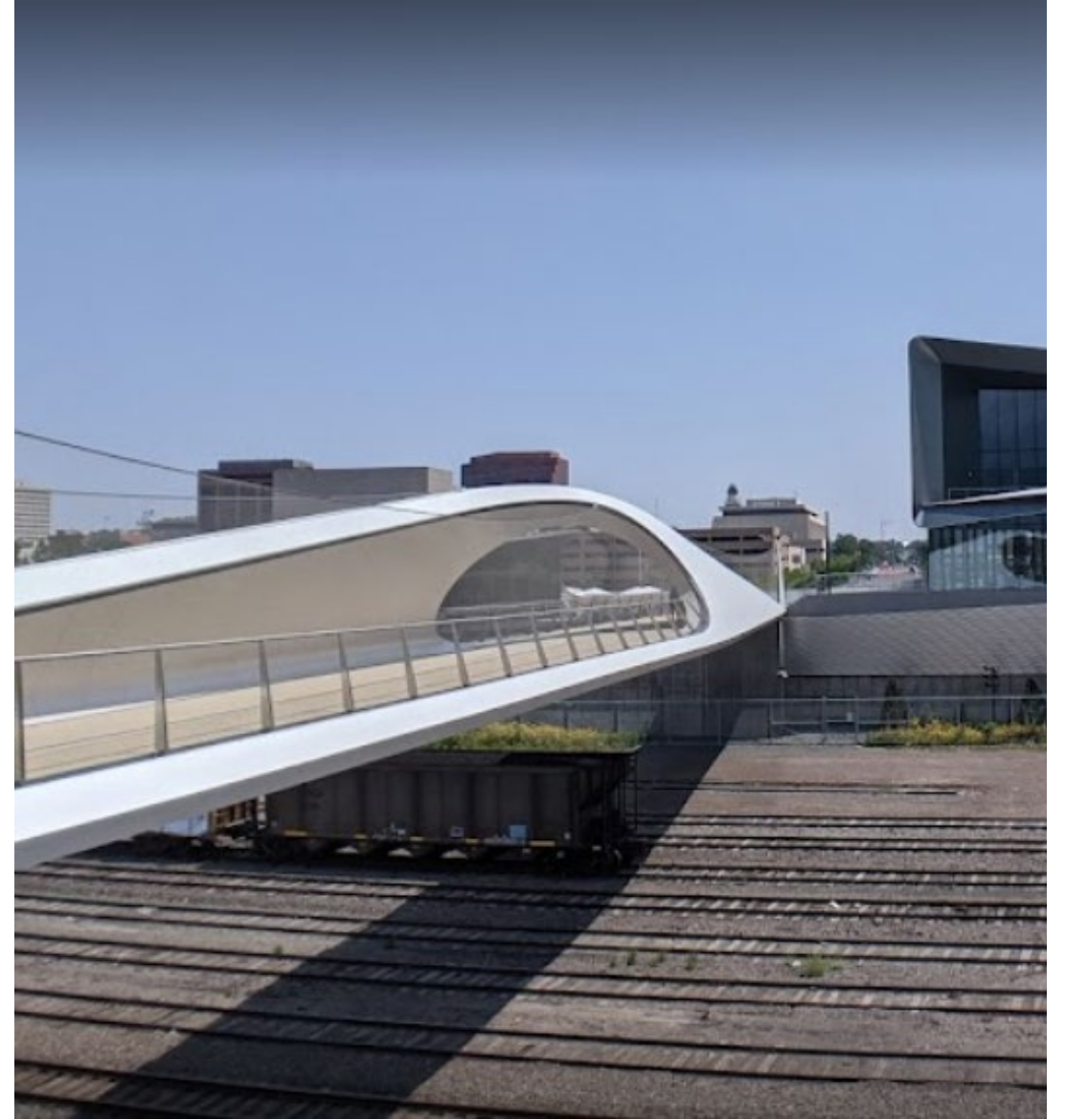




Colorado Springs' GDP has increased \$10B in six years



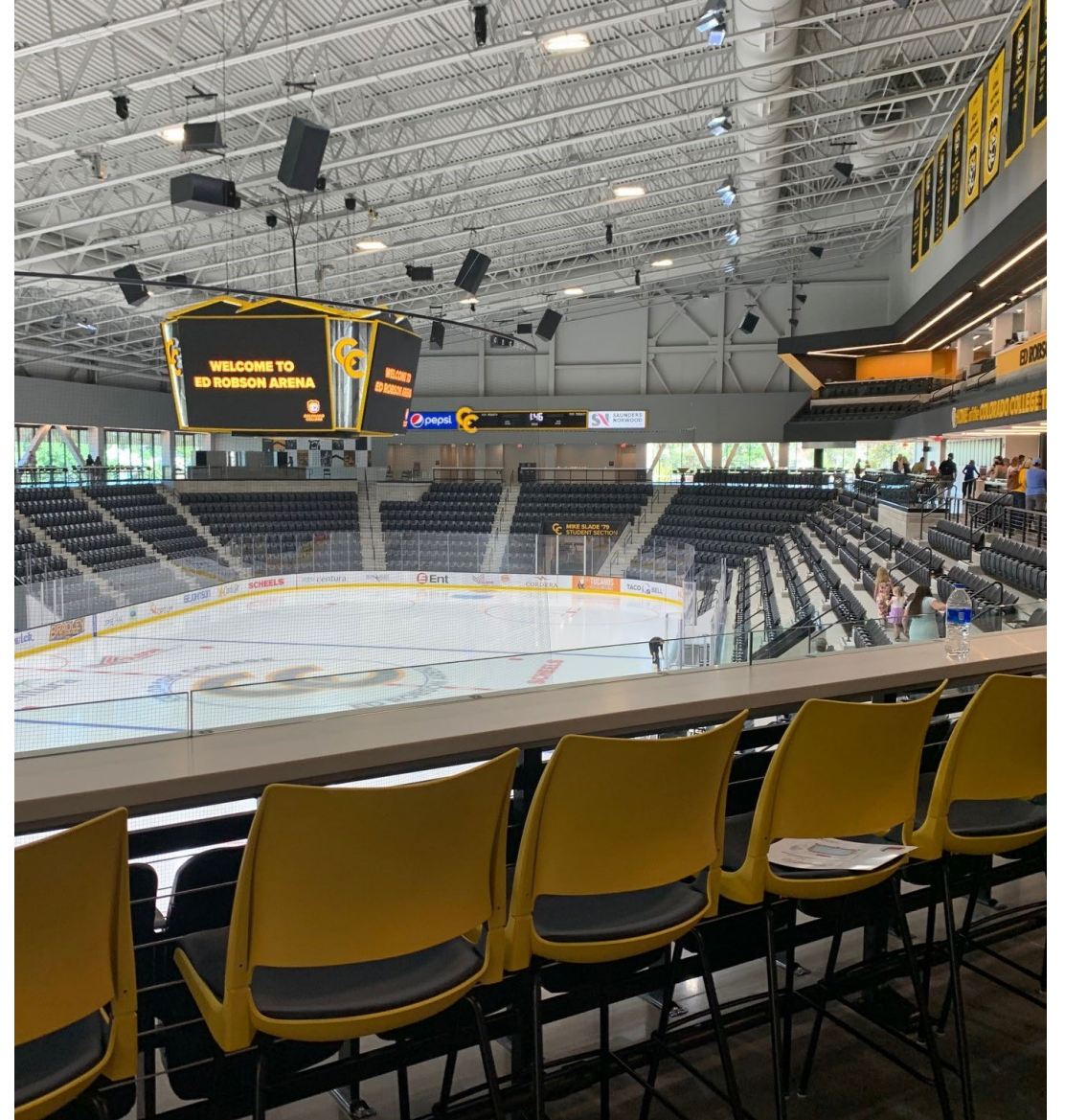
**A BOOMING ECONOMY**



















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## Downtown Development: Is This Our LoDo Moment?

*Downtown is on the rise—literally. Can this impressive wave of development finally bring an end to “Denvy?”*

By **Warren Epstein** - March 17, 2020







# DOWNTOWN STARS

- **Susan Edmondson**
- **CEO, Downtown Partnership**







# DOWNTOWN STARS

- **Ryan Tefertiller**
- **Urban Planning Manager**







# DOWNTOWN STARS

- **Ryan Phipps**
- **Project Manager**







# NORTHGATE & INTERQUEST



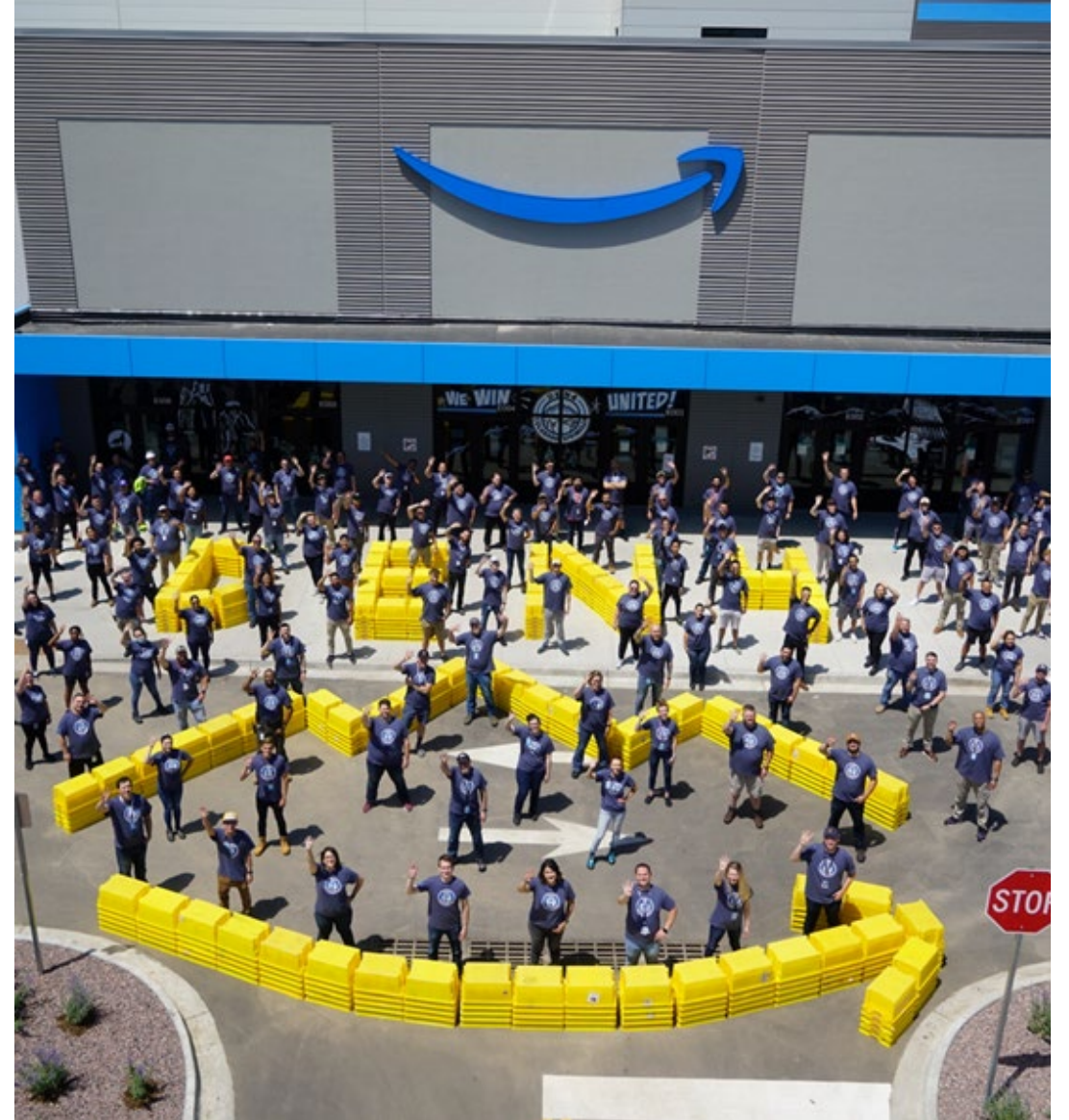




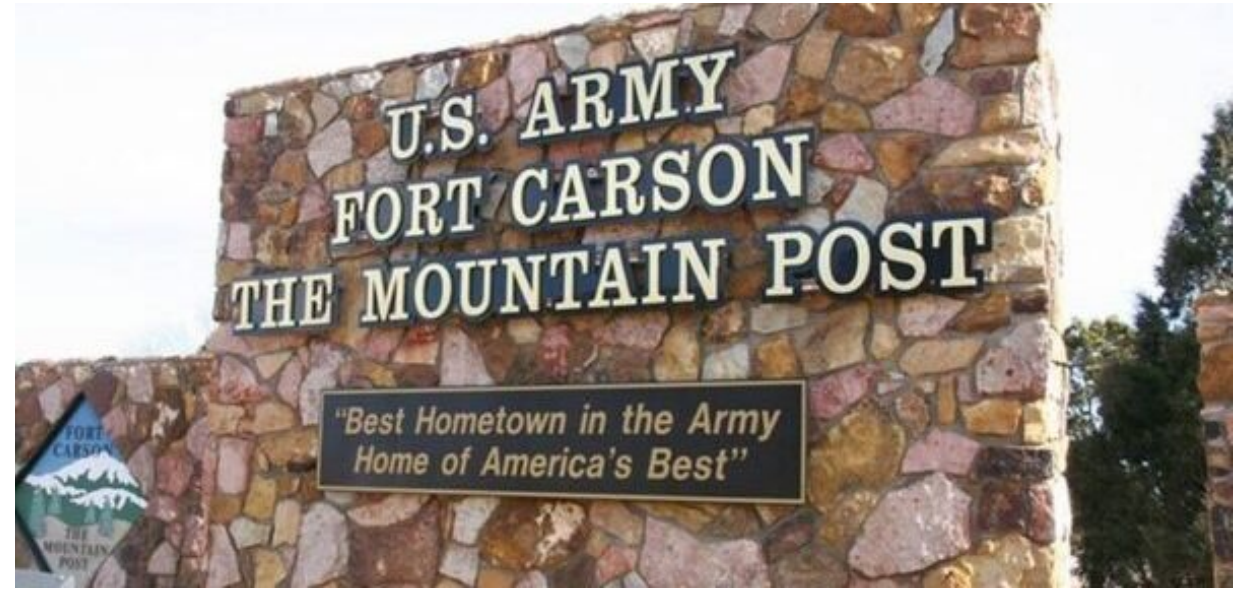
# PANORAMA PARK













# Space Command belongs here in Colorado Springs: State leaders make closing argument

Tom Roeder [tom.roeder@gazette.com](mailto:tom.roeder@gazette.com) Dec 16, 2020 Updated Jan 15, 2021

## GUEST COLUMN: Space Command in Colorado Springs strengthens national security

Gen. (retired) Kevin Chilton. Dec 15, 2020 Updated Dec 18, 2020

Commentary

## Why Space Command should stay in Colorado Springs

By Gen. Gene Renuart (ret.)

Monday, Mar 29







# UC HEALTH MEMORIAL







# ST. CLARE'S, CENTURA HEALTH

I-25 and Interquest








# CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO SPRINGS





The image shows a modern, multi-story building with a large glass facade and brown structural elements. The building is identified by signage as the Hybl Sports Medicine & Performance Center. A semi-transparent white banner with a subtle pattern is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text. In the bottom right corner, there is a small red circular logo.

# **HYBL SPORTS MEDICINE & PERFORMANCE CENTER**





# HOSPITAL WORKERS ARE **HEROES**



## We Salute All Frontliners!

Thank you for your service and  
sacrifice during this difficult time.

**You are our Heroes**



Thank You! Obrigado! Salamat! Me  
Vielen Dank! Gamsahabnida! ¡Gracias!  
धन्यवाद! Arigatōgozaimashita! Cnacu  
Mahalo! Grazie! Xièxiè! Shukraan jzy

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO OUR  
**FRONTLINE WORKERS**







# CONSTRUCTION BOOM











**UCCS** University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs

# EXPANSION COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE







# INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY







# OLYMPIC CITY USA

- Home of the nation's largest training center.
- Home to 24 National Governing Bodies of sport
- Home to over 50 additional sport organization
- \$500M / year industry







# U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC MUSEUM

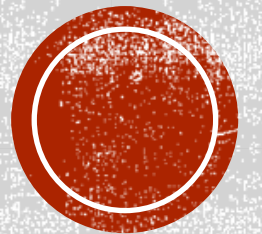


United States  
Olympic  
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Museum™





# WEIDNER STADIUM







**SCHEEL'S**



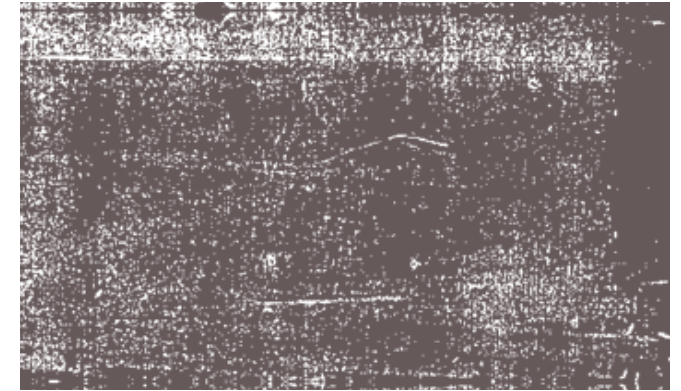
# TOP GOLF





# Colorado Springs *at* TOKYO 2020

- 295 OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS
- 111 MEDALS WON
- 60% OF GOLD MEDALS WON BY TEAM USA
- 33 DIFFERENT SPORTS COMPETED IN







**IF ATHLETES WHO LIVE OR TRAIN  
IN COLORADO SPRINGS WERE  
THEIR OWN COUNTRY, THEY  
WOULD HAVE COME IN...**



**5<sup>th</sup>** IN TOTAL MEDALS AT THE  
OLYMPIC GAMES

**11<sup>th</sup>** IN TOTAL MEDALS AT THE  
PARALYMPIC GAMES

**7<sup>th</sup>** IN TOTAL COMBINED  
MEDALS AT THE OLYMPIC  
& PARALYMPIC GAMES

# PROUD TO BE







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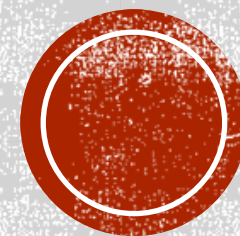
**TOM OSBOURNE —  
1956-2021**

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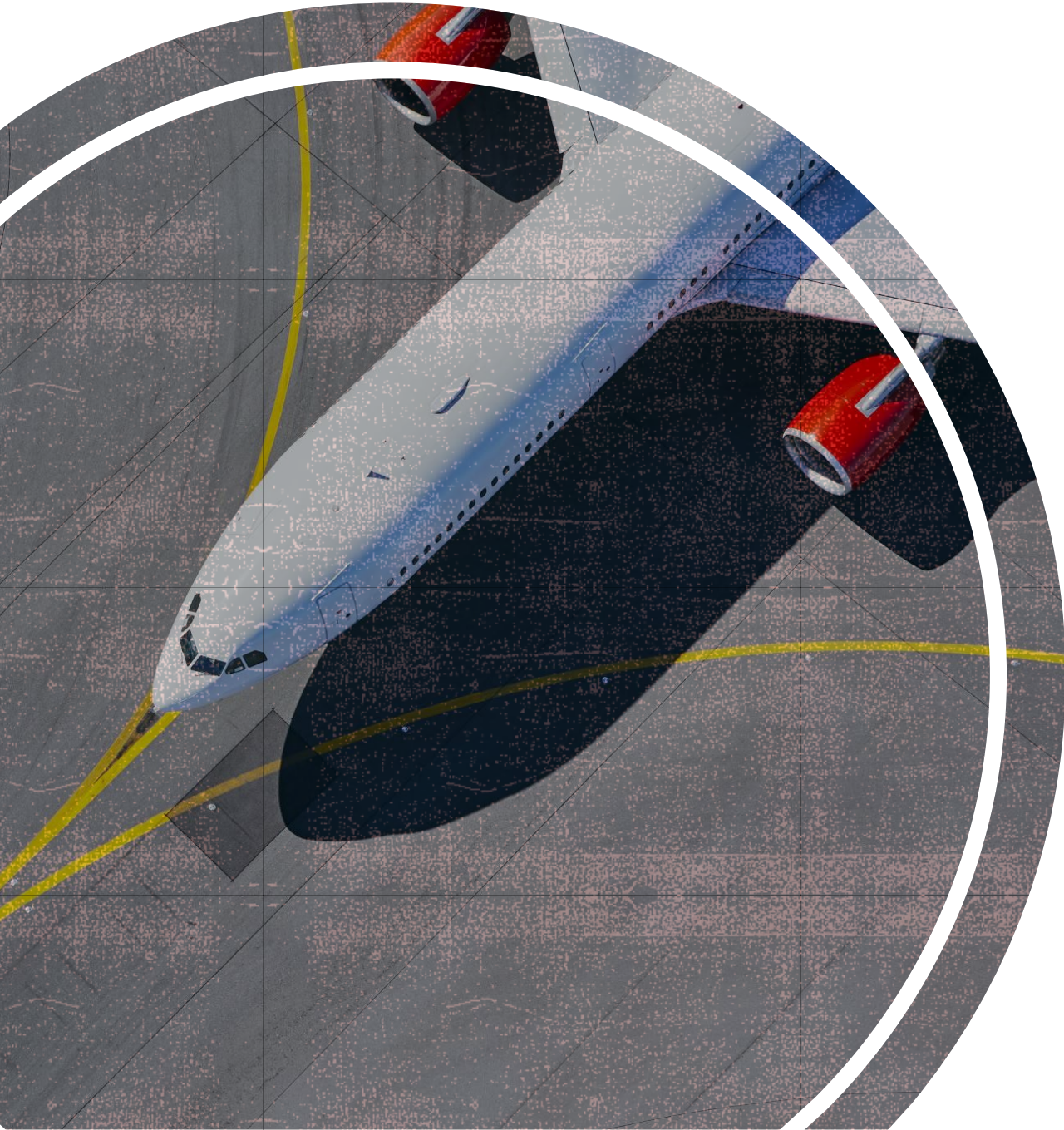




**TOM OSBOURNE —**  
**1956-2021**







# TOURISM REBOUNDS

- Hotel Occupancy at 75.8% in August, outpacing Denver and State averages.
- Average Room Rate of \$129 was 20% higher than Denver and slightly higher than state average







# FLY COS!

- Traffic up 23.1% over 2019
- Capacity up 38.5%
- Addition of Southwest Airlines





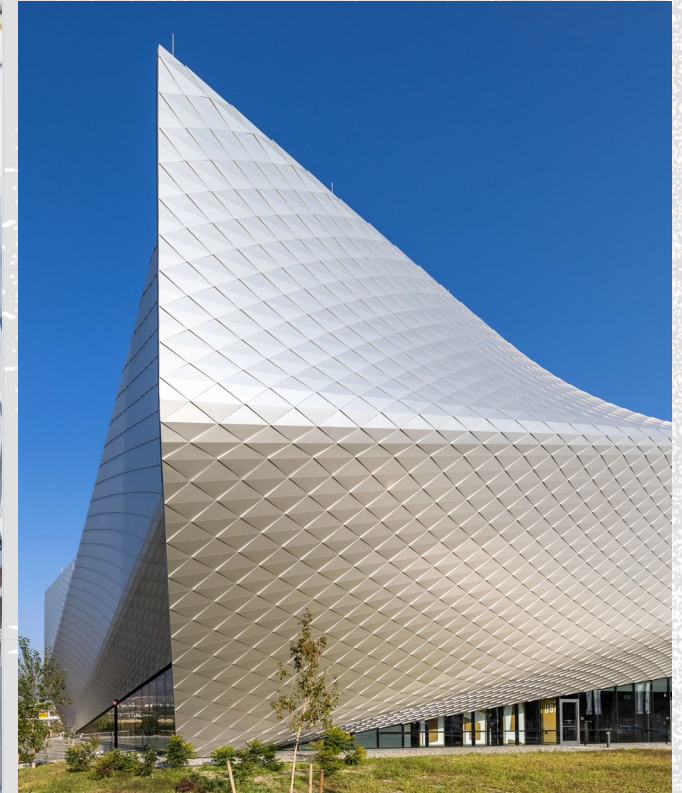
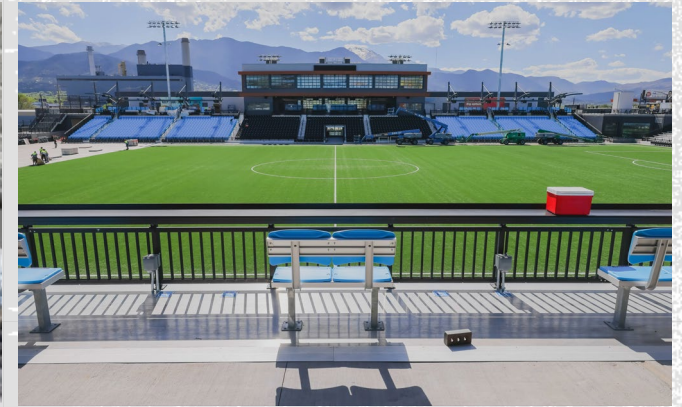
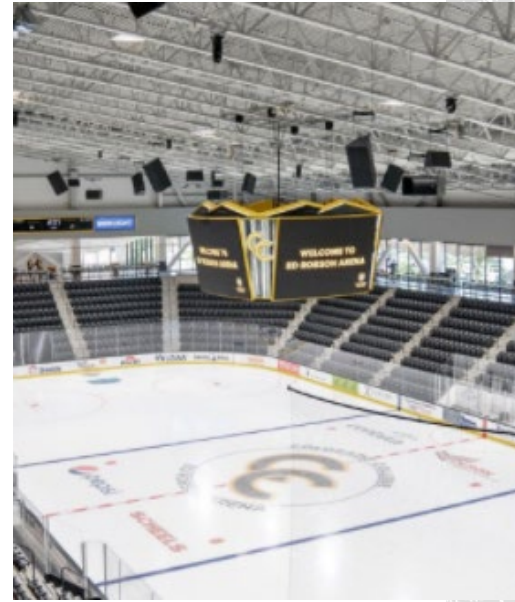


# PIKES PEAK SUMMIT COMPLEX





# CITY FOR CHAMPIONS







# FORMER MAYOR STEVE BACH

- Colorado Springs' First Strong Mayor
- Served 2011-2015
- Champion for City for Champions







# SHELTERING THE MOST VULNERABLE







**CLEANING UP CAMPS**





**SPRINGS  
RESCUE  
MISSION**



DOING  
THE MOST  
GOOD<sup>SM</sup>



Catholic  
Charities  
*of Colorado Springs*

CONTINUUM OF CARE







# HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM







# ANDY PHELPS

- City-led work program
- Outreach court program
- Downtown success with CSFD Homeless Outreach Program
- HomeCOS Action Plan



# COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT



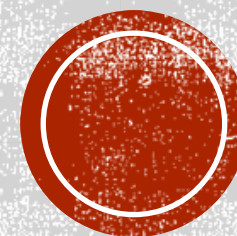
- CSFD Homeless Outreach Program & Alternative Response Teams
  - Provide appropriate services to those in need
  - Decrease Police interactions
  - Reduce unnecessary emergency room trips







# HOUSING MARKET







# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 65% increase in units being built with low-income housing tax credit
- Inventory up from 3,000 to 6,100 since 2016
- Total investment of \$256M





An architectural rendering of a modern multi-story apartment building. The building features a mix of brick and light-colored paneling. A prominent curved section on the left has large glass windows and a balcony. The sky is blue with a few white clouds. The foreground shows a paved area and some landscaping with small plants and flowers.

# ATRIUM AT AUSTIN BLUFFS

- 54 affordable units
- 1 and 2 bedroom units available
- Amenities include fitness center, elevators, washer/dryer in all units
- Greccio Housing project
- Renting soon





# SHOOKS RUN PROJECT



- 40 units
- Eight 3BR apartments
- Colorado Springs Housing Authority project





# ACADEMY HEIGHTS



- 201 Affordable Units
- 6 Acre Site
- Amenities include pool, club house, dog run
- Coming online March 2023





# IN THE PIPELINE

The Commons – 50 units

Village at Solid Rock – 77 units

Draper Commons – 280 units

College Creek Apartments – 240 units

Bentley Commons – 192 units







# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LED BY STEVE POSEY







# PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE







CSFD





# OUR WONDERFUL PARKS





# STRATTON OPEN SPACE

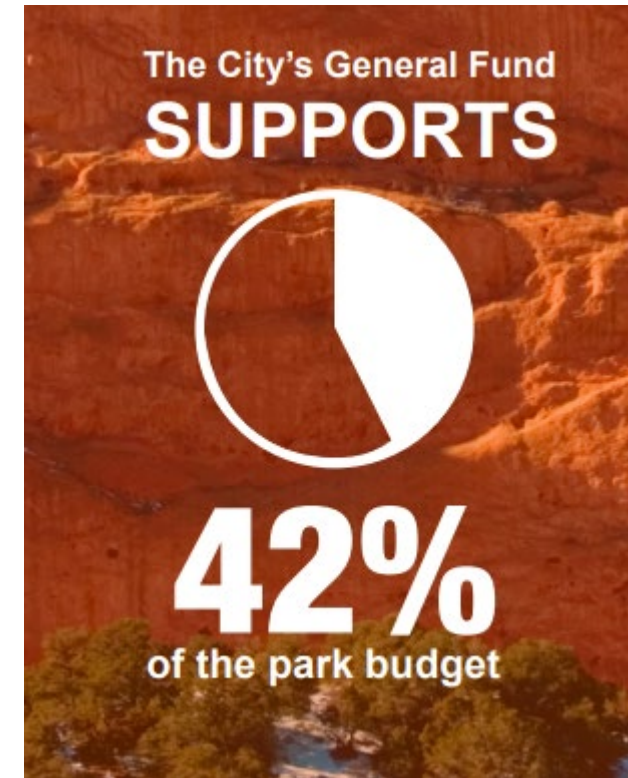




# Colorado Springs parks funding backlog nearly \$270M, a 'crisis level'

Mary Shinn [mary.shinn@gazette.com](mailto:mary.shinn@gazette.com) Apr 18, 2021 Updated Sep 21, 2021

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# BALLOT ISSUE 2C

- TOPS Question
  - Extends TOPS 20 years
  - .02 on \$10 purchase
  - New park development
  - AND maintaining what we have







# **WILDLAND FIRES**





# WALDO CANYON FIRE

- Two lives lost
- 346 structures destroyed
- 18,247 acres burned







# BLACK FOREST FIRE

- Two lives lost
- 489 houses burned
- 14,280 acres
- \$420 million in insured losses.





# BEAR CREEK FIRE







- Creates a self-sustaining \$20M Wildfire Mitigation fund
- More secure than grant funding
- Will impact 3,000 acres per year
- Can be used throughout the city





# **FIRE MITIGATION**





# CITY COUNCIL

- District 1: Dave Donelson
- District 2: Randy Helms
- District 3: Richard Skorman
- District 4: Yolanda Avila
- District 5: Nancy Henjum
- District 6: Mike O'Malley
- At-large: Bill Murray
- At-large: Tom Strand
- At-large: Wayne Williams











# MAYOR'S CABINET









# "FIRST LADY" OF COLORADO SPRINGS







**A CITY WORTH CELEBRATING**







Courtesy Jerilee Bennett, Colorado Springs Gazette



# OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Courtesy Visit COS







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# SPIRIT OF THE SPRINGS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD









**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**MARY LOU MAKEPEACE**







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